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## American Citizens eNewsletter

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### EMBASSY CLOSURES

The Embassy will be closed **Monday, October 11th** for Columbus Day.

In the event of an emergency involving a U.S. citizen, please contact the Consular Section immediately at 21 49 2797 x3439 or 21 49 0723 during non business hours. Please remember that in case of an emergency, no matter what day or time, there is always someone available to assist you.

### VOTING— REQUEST YOUR ABSENTEE BALLOT NOW!

American citizens who have not yet registered to vote and requested an absentee ballot should do so **immediately**. Complete the Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) using the instructions for your state in the Voting Assistance Guide. Hard copies of the FPCA are available in the Consular Section at the U.S. Embassy, or use the online version available at [fvap.gov](http://fvap.gov).

The Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) website, [fvap.gov](http://fvap.gov), is user friendly and a great resource. If you've never visited the site or haven't visited in a while, take a look at the new site for useful information on voting abroad.

### PASSPORT FACTS

#### Minors

Children under 16 are required to appear in person at a U.S. Embassy or Consulate, together with both parents or legal guardians and an original birth certificate in order to submit a passport application. If the second parent or guardian is not present, he or she must give his or her notarized consent. This requirement enhances accurate identification of minor applicants and aids in the prevention of international child abduction and trafficking.

For further information, please see the U.S. Department of State's website at [http://travel.state.gov/passport/get/minors/minors\\_834.html](http://travel.state.gov/passport/get/minors/minors_834.html)

#### Adding Visa Pages vs. Renewing a Passport

The price for additional passport pages is \$82 and comes with 22 extra pages, however, a renewal is \$110 and you can get 52 pages. If your passport is well worn or you have already added pages once, go for the renewal option. Passport renewal turnaround time in Mozambique is usually less than a week.

### TABLE OF FEES FOR MOZAMBIKAN VISAS

#### Residence authorizations

	Fee	Surcharge	Total Fee
Once-off residence authorization	14.400,00	9.600,00	24.000,00
Temporary residence authorization	14.400,00	9.600,00	24.000,00
Permanent residence authorization	18.000,00	12.000,00	30.000,00
Life-long residence authorization	18.000,00	12.000,00	30.000,00

#### Visas

Transit visa	1.800,00	450,00	2.250,00
Single-entry visa, from 1-30 days	1.800,00	450,00	2.250,00
Single-entry visa, from 30-60 days	2.700,00	1.800,00	4.500,00
Multiple-entry visa (3 months)	4.500,00	4.500,00	9.000,00
Multiple-entry visa (6 months)	8.100,00	9.900,00	18.000,00
Multiple-entry visa (12 months)	15.300,00	20.700,00	36.000,00

### ABOUT NATIONAL HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

Each year, Americans observe National Hispanic Heritage Month from September 15 to October 15, by celebrating the histories, cultures and contributions of American citizens whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean and Central and South America.



The observation started in 1968 as Hispanic Heritage Week under President Lyndon Johnson and was expanded by President Ronald Reagan in 1988 to cover a 30-day period starting on September 15 and ending on October 15. It was enacted into law on August 17, 1988, on the approval of Public Law 100-402.

The day of September 15 is significant because it is the anniversary of independence for Latin American countries Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua. In addition, Mexico and Chile celebrate their independence days on September 16 and September18, respectively. Also, Columbus Day or Día de la Raza, which is October 12, falls within this 30 day period.

### NEW COUNTRY SPECIFIC INFORMATION FOR MOZAMBIQUE

The Department of State prepares "Country Specific Information" (CSI) for every country. CSIs include information such as the presence and location of the U.S. Embassy or Consulate in the subject country, visa requirements, health conditions, currency regulations, crime and security information, etc. If an unstable condition exists in a country that is not severe enough to warrant a Travel Warning, a description of the condition(s) may be included under an optional section entitle "Safety/Security." CSIs generally do not include advice, but present information in a factual manner o the traveler can make his or her own decisions concerning travel to a specific country. CSIs are reviewed and updated every six months.

New Country Specific Information for Mozambique was released in September 2010, and is available online at [travel.state.gov](http://travel.state.gov).